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SUBJ: FRG FONMIN SCHEEL'S VISIT TO TURKEY CANCELLED

REF: ANKARA 374(NOTAL)

1. FRG EMB DCM PECKERT TOLD US FEB 7 THAT BONN HAD CABLED THE EMB THAT MORNING TO REPORT THAT FRG FONMIN SCHEEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT TURKEY AS PLANNED DURING THE MAY 1-14 PERIOD. THE FRG EMB WANTED THIS VISIT TO TAKE PLACE FOR SEVERAL REASONS, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WAS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO WOULD PAY HIS LONG-DEFERRED VISIT TO TURKEY IN THE SPRING (REFTEL). THE FRG EMB'S VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERRABLE THAT THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL VISITOR TO THE NEW ECEVIT GOVT COME FROM THE WESTERN CAMP INSTEAD OF FROM MOSCOW.

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2. PECKERT DOUBTED HOWEVER THAT SCHEEL WOULD CHANGE HIS

MIND.

3. COMMENT: WE KNOW THAT CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE
TURKISH MFA SHARE THE FRG EMB'S VIEWS REGARDING
SYMBOLISM THAT MIGHT BE ATTACHED TO THE FIRST MAJOR
VISITOR TO THE NEW TURKISH GOVT AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN
COUNTING ON THE SHCEEL VISIT TO PREVENT DIFFICULTY IN THIS
REGARD.

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